## PROMOTION IN THE NAVY

special Message Sent to Congress Condemning Present Archaic System.

SIMPLY RESULT OF PREJUDICE

sted Changes Would Effect Economies in Service and Give Officers More Experience.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- The following essage of President Roosevelt on naval personnel was sent to Congress to-

To the Senate and House of Repre-

In my last three annual messages have invited the attention of the Conress to the urgent necessity of such slation as will cause officers of the of the navy to reach the grades of tain and rear admiral at less adced ages and will give them more aperience and training in the imporissi duties of these grades. Under the resent archaic system of promotion, eithout parallel in the navv of any other first-class power, captains are commissioned at the average age of 56 nd rear admirals at the average of 60. This sysetm is the result of a long-continued prejudice in tavor of a mein-

This syscim is the result of a long-continued prejudice in tavor of a metado of promotion by which all lieutenate in order of seniority pass through the several grades until they eventually become rear admirals; a method which scriffices the good of the service to the mierest of individual mediocrity.

As a direct consequence of the existing method naval officers obtain more than ample service in subordinate potions, but have a limited and inadquate experience as captains in command of battleships and as flag officers in the extra positions of greatest reposibility, where experience, skill and mitative are essential to efficiency, we over, they attain the position of a flag officer but a few months before they reach the retiring age and have reach the retiring age and have prortunity to perfect themselves the important duties of the high mands pertaining to such rank.

Estery, modern and ancient, has in-mably shown that an efficient person-is the greatest factor toward an detive navy. No matter how well entry may be though its fleet may be composed to powerful high-speed battleships, naneuvered by complicated tactics, hard on the latest development of natic science, yet it is grievously handiis science, yet it is grievously handi-caped if directed by admirals and cap-tens who lack experience in their du-ties and who are hampered by long de-privation of independent action and responsibility. To oppose such a fleet to one equally good, led by officers more active and more experienced in their duties, is to invite disaster. The following table gives the ages of

the youngest captains and flag officers, with the average years in grade, in the navies of Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan and the United States:

Average Years.

Ago'ng flag officers—

shown in this table are dearnest attention is in-

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dent, to consider and recommend such changes in existing law relative to the commissioned personnel of the line of the navy as would tend to promote efficiency and economy. The essential recommendations of the board have been cordially approved by the secretary. The bill, herewith transmitted to the Congress has been formulated by

The accompanying bill also estab-lishes the grade of vice admiral. This grade has long existed in all other prin-cipal navies of the world in order to ob-tain a selected grade of skilled com-manders-in-chief. The commander-in-chief of a fleet with one or more rear admirals serving under him is logically ontitled to a higher rank than his sub-

admirals serving under him is logically entitled to a higher rank than his sub-ordinates because of his greater au-thority and responsibility. On occa-sions of official importance, of interna-tional council or of combined naval ac-tion (as, for instance, the Boxer trou-bles in China), the interests of this

great nation demand that our naval

of the naval representatives of other

powers.

Moreover, under the accompanying bill, which is the result of recommendations made by a board principally composed of naval officers, a large percentage of the officers are eliminated

from the sea-going list and never reach the grade of rear admiral. When it is considered that the naval officers them-selves recommend, in order to increase the efficiency of their service, that

manders on the retired list.

I am firmly of the onlinen that unless the present condition of the higher commissioned personnel is rectified by

(Signed)

U. S. Supreme Court Upholds it in Case of Ala. & Miss. Ry. Co. Vs. Miss. Ry. Coms.

QUESTION ONE OF EQUALITY.

But a State Cannot Compel a Railroad to do Business at

Washington, Dec. 17 .- In the case of the Alabama & Mississippi Railroad company vs. the Mississippi railroad commission, the supreme court entered a decision today in support of the con-

tentions of the state. The case involved the right of the commission to fix a flat rate of 3½ cents per mile per hundred pounds on carload lots of grain from Vicksburg to Meridian, both in Mississippi. The action of the commission in making the rate was based upon the allegation that the Vicksburg road was in the habit of giving that figure to patrons who also gave their business to the Shreveport & Pacific road, an allied concern, while the rate to the other patrons was 10 cents tary. The bill, herewith transmitted to the Congress has been formulated by the secretary and is based, except in a few details, on the recommendations of the board. I earnestly recommend its early consideration. Should it be enacted into law it will cause officers on the seagoing list to reach the grade of captain at 48 and rear remirals at 55, and will assure their serving seven years in the grade of captain and seven years in the grade of rear admiral, thus enabling them to become thoroughly skillful and efficient in these grades. rate to the other patrons was 10 cents per hundred. The Mississippi supreme court sustained the action of the commissioners and that finding is upheld. The opinion was handed down by Jus-

tice Brewer, who said:
"We are not construing an act of the "We are not construing an act of the state of Mississipp, or passing upon the powers which by it are given to the state railroad commission. The question we have to consider is the power of the state to enforce an equality of local rates between all parties a tipping the same distance over the same road. That a state has such power cannot be doubted and it cannot be thwarted by any action of a railroad company which does not involve an actual interstate shipment, although done with a view of promoting the business interests of the company. While a state may not compel a railroad company to do business at a loss and while a railroad company may insist as against the power of the state, upon the right to establish may insist as against the power of the state, upon the right to establish state rates as will afford reasonable compen-sation for the services rendered, yet sation for the services rendered, yet when it voluntarily establishes local rates for some shippers it cannot resist the power of the state to enforce the same rates for all. The state may insist upon equality as between all its citibens, and that equality cannot be defeated in respect to any local shipments by arrangements made with as to favor

the efficience of their service, that many be denied their existing privilege of reaching flag rank, it is only just to them that we should place their highest officers on a plane of equal rank with their colleagues of other nations, with whom they are so frequently brought in official contact. brought in official contact.

If the proposed plan of promotion is carried out it will, as compared with existing law make a saving of more than \$5,000,000 during the next seven years. The principal part of this saving is made by storping the voluntary retirement of young lieutenant commanders with the rank and pay of commanders on the retired list.

BABY COVERED

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WOULD HAVE DIED BUT FOR CUTICURA.

"My little son, when about a year and a half old, began to have sores come out on his face. I had a phy-sician treathim,

but the sores grew worse. Then they began to come on his arms, then on other parts of his body, and then one came on his chest, worse than the others. Then I call-

cian. Still he grew worse. At the end of about a year and a half of suffering he grew so bad I had to tie his hands in cloths at night to keep him from scratching the sores and tearing the flesh.

"He got to be a mere skeleton, and was hardly able to walk. My Aunt advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. So great was her faith in

advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. So great was her faith in it that she gave me a small piece of Soap to try and a little of the Ointment. I took it home without any faith, but to please her I tried it, and it seemed to dry up the sores a little. "I sent to the drug store and got a cake of the Soap and a box of the Ointment and followed the directions, and at the end of about two months the sores were all well. He has never had any sores of any kind since. "He is now strong and healthy, "He is now strong and healthy, and I can sincerely say that only for your most wonderful remedies my precious child would have died from those terrible sores. I used only one cake of Soap and about three boxes of Ointment. (signed) Mrs. Egbert Sheldon, R. F. D., No. 1, Woodwille, Conn, April 22, 1905."

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rates for some shippers it cannot resist the power of the state to enforce the same rates for all. The state may insist upon equality as between all its citibens, and that equality cannot be defeated in respect to any local shipments by arrangements made with or to favor outside companies."

PERSIAN HEIR APPARENT.

Prince Alimirza Assumes Conduct of Affairs of State.

Teheran, Dec. 17.—The heir apparent, Prince Alimirza, who arrived here yesterday, today assumed the conduct of state affairs as the shah is still too ill to be able to attend to public business.

KANSAS-COLORADO IRRIGATION CASE, Washington. Dec. 17.—Argument was begun today in the supreme court of the United States in the frequently discussed case of the State of Kansas against the State of Colorado, Involving an effort on the part of the complaint state to prevent the monopolizing by Colorado of all of the waters of the Arkansas river for irrigation purposes in the later state. In its bill of complaint dearword and in the later state, and show and underground the contended the states to prevent the monopolizing by Colorado of all of the waters of the Arkansas river for irrigation purposes in the later state. In its bill of complaint dearword and in the later state. In its bill of complaint dearword and in the later state, and showed was indicated when 12 hours' time, three times as long as is usually allowed, was set apart for its presention by the inumerous attorneys who appear in it. Each of the parties to the controversy. Kansas, Colorado, and the United States in the individual defendants one and a half hours. The case was not called until after 3 o'clock today. and the hearing will continue until v. mar the close of Thursday's session he caure. The flowing the individual defendants one and a half hours. The case was not called until after 3 o'clock today. and the hearing will continue until v. mar the close of Thursday's session he court of the controversy of Welchita, and he had not concluded when the court adjourned for the day. Mr. Ashbau

U. S. CRIMINAL CASES.

Circuit Court of Appeals.

Washington, Dec. 17.—That the government is not entitled to a writ of certiorari bringing to the supreme court of the United States for review criminal cases which have been passed on by United States circuit courts of appeals adversely to the government's contentions was today practically and by the supreme court in the case of John C. Morgan. Morgan was found gully by the United States district court for the District of Columbia upon the charge of cutting timber upon the public demain, but the court of appeals for the Eighth discuit reversed the verdict on various points. The attorney general then brought the case to the supreme court in an effort to secure a reversal of the usual practise, which is to prohibit appeal in any form by the government in criminal cases, but in this he was not successful.

Govt. Not Entitled to a Certiorari from

Circuit Court of Appeals.

NEWSPAPER PASSES BILL.

Washington, Dec. 17.-The Gar-rett bill, to permit newspapers to accept railway transportation, was the subject of a hearing today before the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. E. W. Stevens of Missouri and Representative-elect Ashbrook of Ohio spoke in favor of

PRÉSIDENT WILL ENTERTAIN. Washington, Dec. 17.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt have issued invitations for a dinner on Friday, Jan. 4, which will be followed by a musicale.

JAPANESE IN HAWAII.

Commissioner Sargent Says They Are

Fast Supplanting Other Nationalities. San Francisco, Dec. 18.-Frank P. Sargent, commissioner of immigration, returned from Honolulu yesterday, ar-riving on the Japanese liner Nippon

Regarding immigration matters Hawaii, Commissioner Sergant said that the Japanese were fast displacing all shop-keepers, contractors, carpen-ters and tradesmen generally of other nationalities in the islands. The Japannationalities in the islands. The Japanese population in the islands is, however, rather on the decrease, on account of the rush of the Japanese for this coast. Hundreds of the brown men are monthly arriving at Honolulu, but their stay their is brief, the great army being bound in the direction of the mainland. He spoke in praise of the Portuguese immigrants lately arriving at Honolulu. immigrants lately arriving at Honolulu from Europe. "They are of the best class, and were gladly welcomed in the islands by the plantation owners," said Commissioner Sargent.

LULU GLAZER ENGAGED.

New York, Dec. 13.-Miss Lulu Glazer, one of the youngest stars on the American stage, is engaged to be married. She will become the bride of Mr. Ralph C. Heise, an English actor who was formerly leading comedian in her company. At her home in this city last night the actress confirmed the news of her engagement but would not say when the wedding would take place,

WILSON MARKS DEAD.

Pittsburg, Dec. 18.-Wilson Marks, 68 Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—Wilson Marks, 88 years old, a pioneer railroad telegrapher, who taught Madge Strubel, said to be the first woman telegrapher in the country, is dead at his home near Saxonburg, Pa., Bueler county. While teaching the young lady the teleghaph business the young persons became mutually attracted and were married. Mrs. Marks died a number of years ago. Marks died a unmber of years ago

ARCHBISHIP OF PARIS VACATES HIS PALACE.

Paris, Dec. 17.-Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, today voluntarily vacated the episcopal palace and temporarily accepted the hospitality of Denys Cochin, the conservative deputy, You May Reeping Average for the say once.

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The gathering completely blocked the this announcement the house of lords street in front of the episcopai palace consented to an adjournment of the and those present sang the Creda and debate in order to enable the leaders other canticles as the cardinal was assisted into his carriage by the coadjusisted into his carriage by the coadju-tor archbishop, Monsignor Amicite, and his two vicars general. The crowd knelt and chanted as the cardinal seat-ed himself in the vehicle. The vener-able prelate, who was much affected, then arose and blessed the multitude. A number of young Catholics there-upon approached the carriage, de-tached the horses and with difficulty dragged it through the dense masses of people lining the streets. On all sides

people lining the streets. On all sides were heard cries of "Long live Plus X."

were heard cries of "Long live Plus X," and "Long live the cardinal."

About three-quarters of an hour were consumed in pulling the carriage from the palace to the residence of M. Cochin, a distance of about one mile. Detachments of mounted Republican guards preceded and followed the procession in order to prevent any possible disorder, but there was not the slightest attempt on the part of the crowds to make any counter manifestation.

The ciertcal crowds quietly followed Monsignor Amiette to the church of St. Francis Xavier, where the coadjutor celebrated a benediction service, at the celebrated a benediction service, at the end of which he thanked those present for the sentiments they had manifested and exhorted them to persevere in their attitude in defense of the rights of the

As the coadjutor archbishop left the church the crowd of elericals attempted to reform the procession, but the Republican guards interfered and ended further demonstration.

AN EARTHQUAKE VICTIM.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—A few charred bones, believed to be all remaining of the body of Millie Dayton, a victim of the fire of April 18, were found yester-lay in the ruins of a lodging house at 733 Howard street. The deceased was 22 years of age and native of Dayton, Ohio,

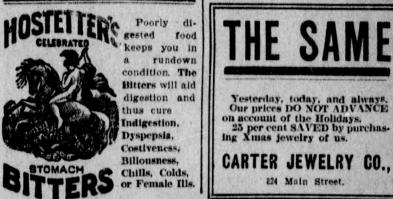
SHINGLE MILLS CLOSE.

Hoquaim, Wash., Dec. 17.-Owing to car shortage the shingle mills of this city have closed down for an indefinite period throwing 600 men out of employment, or six weeks the mills have been ment. or six weeks the mins have oven running, shipping whenever a car could be obtained and storing all surplus shingles in sheds. There are now several million shingles stored in mil warehouses and the prospects of resuming operations soon do not look very encouraging.

ENGLISH EDUCATION BILL.

Not Impossible Lords and Commons

London, Dec. 17.—When the educa-tion bill, amended by the house of Lords, sent back to the house of com-mons and returned by that body to the upper house, reached the lords today, the Earl of Crewe, lord president of the council, announced that the government was not preparaed to sacrifice the main purpose of the bill, but that with certain modifications the most important points might be agreed upon in order to enable the bill to become a law. Lord Crewe added that concessions of a substantial character would be made. In view of



to reach an agreement.

The crisis arising from the educa-

The crisis arising from the education bill has taken a new turn as a result of today's proceedings in the house of lords, and it is becoming clear that an historic conflict between the two houses is not likely to occur over the question of education. The fact is that both houses are aqually desirous of avoiding a conflict, and immediately after Lord Crewe's announcement it was foreseen that in all probability the bill would be saved. probability the bill would be saved.

Lord Crowe spoke after Lord Lansdowne and the house was crowded in every part as it has been on all mo-mentous occasions lately. The lord president of the council stipulated that he was unable to bind the house of commons to an acceptance of the concessions he proposed, and it is known that a large number of nonconformist members of the house of com-mons will not hear of a compromise. mons will not hear of a compromise, but this dissension in the ranks of the government supporters is not believed to be serious enough again to wreck

to be serious enough again to wreck the bill's chances.

Immediately after the debate the conference of the leaders on both sides assembled in Mr. Balfour's room in the commons. The result of the deliberations is not known, but the general opinion is that a compromise will be arranged. will be arranged.

HEARST MAKES GIFT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Sacramento, Dec. 17 .- Gov. Pardec has received from W. R. Hearst the deeds of the transference of Fort Ross. an dthe Sonoma mission, two historical landmarks, deeded to the state by Mr. Hearst. The governor has turned the deeds over to W. W. Greer of the Sutter Fort board of trustees.

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